Give 'Em the Axe

IT IS PREPOSTEROUS that the House Assassinations Committee, which has now bickered its way into a state of paralyzed uselessness, should attempt to keep itself alive after its charter ends March 31. The chairman has resigned, but his resignation is not accepted; the staff director won't resign, but no one will pay him. Speaker O'Neill, the highest officer of Congress, who should lay the axe to all this, was talking lamely yesterday about holding a hearing to query three witnesses on the Martin Luther King Jr. assassination. We again point to the absurdity of continuing this multimillion dollar committee for another day, so tainted with public suspicion would be any finding it might make.